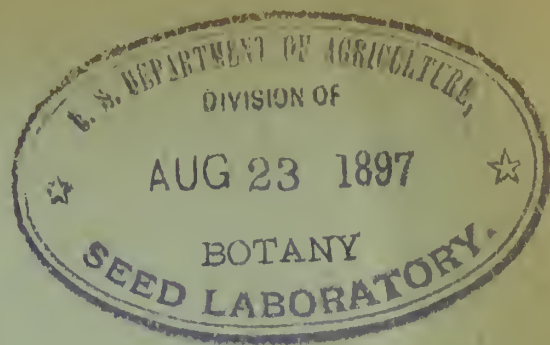


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in the season, do not be alarmed should it not reach you by return mail. The better way is to send your order early while we have a full stock, stating when you would like the order filled and we will hold the stock for you until warmer weather. This of course applies to plants and bulbs only, as all seeds will be sent at once on receipt of order.

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Most of the express companies have made a reduction of 20 per cent, on plants and seeds, and would advise all who

A Fine Box of Plants Free.

We again renew the offer made by us for many years, viz:- to all who send us an order of \$1.00 or more, we will send about June 15, on receipt of 25c. for postage and packing, a fine lot of plants worth two to four times that amount. These lots are made up from plants we happened to have left over at the close of the season.

We have a few more copies of the little book, "WINDOW GARDENING" by O. M. Richardson, price postpaid 10c. while they last.

—❖❖ 1897 ❖❖—



THE year 1896, the most disasterous in many respects to trade and agriculture, this country has ever known in time of peace, has past into history; and we anxiously look to 1897 to fulfill the promises made for her. Most of you who receive this catalogue have at some time purchased seeds or plants of O. M. Richardson & Co. and we wish to announce that the business will be continued under the name of Richardson Bro's. Having increased our facilities, we are better prepared than ever to take care of our customers. We do not issue an expensive colored catalogue, believing that the extra cost expended in presents to our customers, and in growing better stock: will, in the long run bring us a better class of customers: a class of people of good sound common sense, who have learned that exaggerated colored pictures are not always indicative of first-class goods. Although our prices are lower than many firms, we have among our regular customers many of the millionaires of the country, who place quality above price; these people would certainly not continue to buy of us if better goods could be procured by paying a higher price. The growth of our business during the past ten years has been phenomenal; we have received in a single day 1863 orders. We annually send out 30.000 catalogues, weighing over 3 tons, and filling 60 large canvass mail sacks. Our establishment consists of five green-houses, connected with packing room 30 X 50 feet with printing office, private office and seed rooms. Here, on the shores of beautiful Lake Anasagunticook, surrounded by some of the finest scenery in all Maine, your orders are received and filled; here, our customers who can visit us will receive a cordial welcome. With the compliments of the season, we await your orders.

Richardson Bro's.

Fifty Cents Worth of Choice Seeds, Free!

ALL who purchase seeds in packets only, to the amount one dollar may select seeds in packets to the amount of 50 cents, **FREE!** This offer does not apply to seeds in bulk, special collections or live plants. Should your order for seeds in packets amount to fifty cents, and the balance of your dollar order be made up of plants or seeds in bulk, then you select 25 cents worth **FREE.**

❖❖ Grand Inducements to Club Raisers. ❖❖

FOR a club order of \$2.00 you may select 50 cents worth of anything offered in this catalogue to pay you for getting up the club. For \$3.00 you may select 80 cents worth extra. For each additional dollar above \$3.00 you may select 35 cents worth. You will readily see that by getting your neighbors to send with you and combining the orders, you can get your own plants **FREE.**

Our Gold Watch Offer to Little Girls.

WE have for several years made the following offer and we renew it for 1897. To any little girl 12 years of age or under, who will get up a club order for seeds and plants to the amount of \$2.00 or over and send us, we will, in addition to the other premiums offered give them a pkt. of Richardson's Royal Prize Pansies, and to the one growing the largest pansy from this packet of seeds, we will present a lovely gold watch. The flowers to be pressed and sent us by mail between two pieces of cardboard. The award will be made on Christmas day. All who try for the watch and do not win it will receive a small present.

* * * The Lucky One Last Year. * * *

The winner last year was Miss Ethel K. Batchelder, of Sunapee, N. H. The flower grown by Miss Batchelder measured 2½ inches in diameter.

PLANT DEPARTMENT

NO small or inferior plants will be sent out this season; we shall attend personally to the filling of orders, and when first-class plants of any variety become exhausted, the money will be returned, or the order will be held and filled later on at the option of the purchaser.

Our plants are never forced; those for spring trade being rooted in the fall, and kept in a cool healthy atmosphere until sold in the spring.

We make a specialty of bedding plants and have as fine a stock as can be found. many prefer to buy annuals rather than to bother to raise them from seed themselves.

PRICES OF BEDDING PLANTS.

	DOZEN.	HUNDRED.
ASTER.—Grown from the finest varieties, mixed,	\$0.15	\$0.75
ASTER.—Pure white Queen; beautiful for bouquets,	.20	1.00
ALYSSUM.—Sweet, best varieties mixed,	.20	1.00
COLEUS.—New sunset strain of large leaved varieties,	.35	2.50
PANSIES.—Finest large flowered varieties; mixed colors,	.35	2.50
PANSY.—Large flowered, pure white; fine for cemetary planting,	.40	3.00
VERBENA.—New mammoth, all colors mixed,	.35	2.50
CARNATION.—Marguerite, fine plants, all colors,	.35	2.50
GERANIUM.—A mixture of both double and single, our selection,	.75	5.00
GERANIUM.—Double scarlet,	.75	5.00
PETUNIA.—Hybrida Grandiflora, single, mixed colors,	.25	1.75
STOCK.—German Ten Weeks, all colors mixed,	.15	.75
DIANTHUS PINK.—Double and single, all colors mixed,	.15	.75
HOLLYHOCK.—Chatier's Superb Double, mixed,	.50	3.00
DAISY.—Double, pure white,	.35	2.50

* * * GENERAL LIST OF PLANTS. * * *

ABUTILON.

Among the easiest grown and most desirable of window plants. The Abutilon is an ever-bloomer being seldom without flowers. Their dainty bell shaped blossoms intermingled with the dark, rich foliage, gives them a charming appearance during the entire year. They unfold their beautiful blossoms alike during the hottest days of summer and the dark stormy days of our long and dreary winter.

SOUV. DE BONNE.—A striking novelty and the most wonderful variegated Abutilon yet introduced. The foliage is large and of a deep green color, not mottled as in all other variegated Abutilons, but each leaf is edged with a broad white margin. The plant is of remarkable strong growth, making fine specimens in a very short time.

The most beautiful variegated plant introduced in many years. 15 cents each.

GOLDEN BELLS.—Foliage thick, heavy and dark green, flowers large, produced in great abundance and of the brightest golden yellow. 15 cents each.

Eclipse.—The Leopard Abutilon: foliage a lively green thickly spotted with bright yellow. Plant of trailing habit, making it a fine variety for hanging baskets. Flowers orange and borne in great profusion both winter and summer. 10 cents each.

A. Besson.—Rich scarlet flowers with darker veins, leaves pointed and cut like sugar maples. 10 cents each.

Pluton.—Leaves pointed, but not cut like the foregoing, 10 cents each.

Boule de Nieve.—A Grand Pure White, one of the best flowers for floral work, leaves of elegant maple shape and dark green in color.

BEGONIAS.

Always pretty and interesting, they require but little sun and are therefore among the easiest plants to grow in the window garden. Beautiful in both leaf and flower; they attract admiration from every eye. They do best in a soil of leaf mold and sharp sand, mixed with a little old manure and loam from the garden. Prices except where noted, 10 cents each.

MANICATA AUREA (new; from Italy),—A very beautiful and distinct ornamental Begonia, with clear and glossy green foliage, marked and blotched with cream color, deepening to bright canary; flowers pink, lace-like, in long spreading panicles. Its heavy glossy leaves being boldly blotched with a rich golden cream, and a clear carmine etching in the matured leaves, altogether making the most beautiful variegated plant known. Price, small plants, 25 cents each.

Metallica.—Leaves rough with darker veins overspread with a peculiar metallic-like lustre, giving the plant a most beautiful and odd appearance. The plant is a strong, rank grower, making a splendid specimen in a comparatively short time. Flowers bright pink.

Semperflorens Gigantea Rosea.—A new variety and one of special merit. A wonderfully free bloomer, flowering profusely from October till May. It has rich tropical leaves and magnificent cardinal flowers. It will command attention wherever placed, being round and bushy in form and a true winter bloomer. It has the largest flowers of any of its species. Price 15 cents.

Rubra.—Though not a new variety it is still one of the best. Leaves of the darkest green, flowers rose color, glossy and wax like.

Alba Picta.—A new and odd variety perfectly distinct. It is shrubby in habit and of compact growth, having long slender, pointed leaves of glossy green, thickly spotted with silver, the spots graduating in size from the center to the margin. The branches are upright and curving. Flowers greenish white and produced in great profusion, different from all others and one of the most charming and beautiful Begonias of recent introduction. Price 15 cents each.

Weltoniensis.—An old and well known sort, very easy to grow, making fine specimens in short time. Branches bright red covered with rich, green, maple like leaves. Flowers pink and very free, giving it the appearance of a huge bouquet when in bloom.

Compta.—Leaves dark green, silver stripe in center. 15 cents each.

Pres. Carnot.—New and fine, flowers immense, rich cardinal red. 15 cents.

Palm Begonia.—Leaves large, light green in color, and borne on tall stalks. Beautiful and majestic in form and habit. Large clusters of pale pink flowers. Price 15c.

M. Delesseps.—A beautiful new variety. Leaves maple shaped, dark green, crimson underneath. Flowers pure white. A most beautiful variety. Price 15 cents.

Argentea Guttata.—Leaves dark bronze, spotted with shining silver, of quite large size, pointed and crimson underneath. Flowers pure white. A most beautiful variety. Price 15 cents.

Thurstonii.—Another fine and rare sort. Leaves of rough exterior, shining metallic like lustre and of large size, stem wine color, striking and beautiful. Price 20 cents.

Vernon.—One of the freest and best bloomers for either summer or winter. Blooms when of the smallest size and is a perfect bouquet as the plant grows larger. Flowers crimson and white. Foliage of a glossy, metallic green. A perpetual bloomer, blooming all the year round, and a rank thrifty grower. One of the finest plants for bedding out as well as for pot culture. Cannot be too highly praised. Price only 10 cents each.

Rex.—A royal class of decorative house plants, thriving well in a shady place if warm; leaves of the largest size and of the richest colors and markings. Price 15 cents.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Those who have not seen these grand new sorts in bloom can form no idea of their great beauty. They have scarcely a rival among all flowers, coming as they do when other flowers are scarce. They are at present the most popular and fashionable of all flowers, not excepting even the rose. They should be set in the open ground during summer in a rich place and the branches nipped back to make them bushy, until about the middle of August, when they should be lifted and potted, disturbing the roots as little as possible, and placed in a cool room. They should not be subjected to fire heat any more than is necessary to keep out frost. After blooming they should be cut back and placed in the cellar until spring.

Charles Davis.—A golden sport from Vivian Morel; large flowers of light yellow suffused with apricot. 15c. each.

Geo. W. Childs.—The best deep self-colored crimson variety in existence; flowers massive and of immense size, with wide petals of a rich, dark velvety crimson color. 15 cents each.

H. L. Sunderbruch.—Bright golden yellow of fine incurved form and large size. 10 cents each.

Inter-Ocean.—Glistening pearly white, suffused with pink very large. 10 cents each.

Major Bonnaffon.—Soft clear yellow, incurved, full in centre; 6 to 7 inches across and nearly as deep; form and finish perfect. 10 cents each.

Miss Minnie Wanamaker.—Creamy white, of very large size, and so incurved as to resemble a white ball. 15c. each.

Mutual Friend.—A reflexed pure white of enormous size. 15 cents each.

Ivory.—Snow-white, of perfect form, flowers very large; an early and free flowering variety.

Mrs. L. C. Maderia.—Flowers large and bright orange color. 10 cents each.

Mrs. E. G. Hill.—A beautiful early blooming large pink variety, full to the centre. 10 cents each.

Mrs. J. G. Whilden.—A splendid light yellow, of large size and beautiful form. 10 cents each.

Nemesis.—Very early to bloom and of a delicate shade of pink. 10 cents each.

Merry Monach.—Large bright orange. 10 cents each.

Christmas Eve.—Late to bloom, snowy white. 10 cents each.

Wm. Westlake.—Rich yellow, suffused red. 10 cents each.

CARNATIONS.

The Carnation is one of the most charming and popular of all flowers and is grown and admired in every civilized country. They like a cool situation, and do best if planted out during summer and potted in the fall. They thrive well in any soil and are perpetual bloomers. The following varieties are unsurpassed.

Lizzie McGowen.—Large, full and pure white. A most beautiful variety and destined to become very popular.

Silver Spray.—Pure white and borne on long stems; of dwarf habit making a fine pot plant.

William Scott.—A vigorous growing, free blooming variety; flowers very large and of a beautiful Grace Wilder pink. Stems very long.

Portia.—Vivid scarlet, of beautiful form and color.

Fred Creighton.—Deep crimson scarlet.

Golden Feverfew.

The Golden Feather; beautiful golden foliage; fine for bedding out. 15 cents.

Ficus Elastica.

(India Rubber Tree)

One of the finest plants for table or parlor decoration; its thick leathery leaves enable it to stand excessive heat and dryness, while its deep glossy green leaves always present a cheerful aspect. 50c. Large plants \$1.00.

Climbing Asparagus.

(Plumosus Nanus.)

A beautiful variety, of elegant spreading form. The branches arch gracefully, and are exquisitely fine and lace-like, yet firm and strong, lasting for weeks when cut and placed in water. The fronds are 15 to 18 inches in length, and taper to a point from a width of 12 inches. One of the most beautiful decorative plants. 25 cents.

Fuchsias.

The Fuchsia is a native of South America, and named in honor of Leonard Fuchs, a botanist. In its wild state the Fuchsia bears an abundance of purple berries which are preserved in sugar and eaten by the natives who inhabit the country to which it belongs. Fuchsias delight in a rich soil and shade from the noonday sun.

AURORA SUPERBA.—Tube and sepals brilliant red, corolla a clear shade of orange. A unique and beautiful variety of very vigorous habit. 10 cts.

Phenomenal.—The giant Fuchsia, the flowers of which are twice the size of any other sort in cultivation. We have actually had flowers that measured over three inches in diameter. In growth it is very robust, growing tall and strong. Color of corolla purple, sepals bright carmine. A most wonderful variety. Price 15 cents.

Mrs. E. G. Hill.—This is undoubtedly the finest pure white Double Fuchsia ever produced. Raised by Victor Le-moine of France, and but recently imported into this country. It resembles the Phenomenal in all save color. Flowers extra large, full and double, and of the purest snow white. Tubes and sepals bright crimson. A variety that must become a general favorite. Price 15 cents.

Storm King.—(Frau Emma Topfer).—This grand new Fuchsia is as good as ever, and is what is known as the perpetual flowering Fuchsia, blooming a greater part of the year. The foliage is of a glowing green and the plant has a beautiful weeping habit. In profusion of bloom it is indeed remarkable. We have counted over two hundred buds and blossoms on a plant at one time. Tube and sepals glowing carmine, corolla white and streaked and tinted with carmine. Very large and double. Price 10 cents.

Rose of Castile.—The improved variety. Sepals pure white, corolla violet purple. A tall rank grower and profuse bloomer. Price 10 cents.

Speciosa.—Flower of large size. Tube and sepals blush, corolla bright crimson. 10 cents.

Purple Prince.—A splendid double variety. Sepals scarlet, corolla a beautiful and distinct bright blue. 15 cents.

Trailing Queen.—Of trailing habit, a rapid grower with single pink flowers. Makes one of the finest of all basket plants. Each 10c.

IVIES.

German.—One, if not the most rapid growing climber in the world, often growing at the rate of six inches a day and may be trained around the room, or over pictures, etc., serving as a beautiful and attractive ornamentation. 10 cents.

English.—This is the variety with which the crumbling ruins of the Old World are covered, the variety spoken of in Dicken's celebrated poem, "The Ivy Green." It clings tenaciously to stone or wood and is a beautiful variety for parlor culture, growing around the ceiling without support. One of the prettiest wreaths we have ever seen was made entirely of the leaves of the English Ivy woven together. 10 cents.

Variegated.—Foliage marked white. 15 cents.

Japan, or Boston Ivy.—The most graceful and beautiful of all ivies. Perfectly hardy in the open ground as far north as Massachusetts. One side of the famous Trinity Church of Boston being almost entirely covered with it. Clings tenaciously to brick, wood or stone, and the leaves overlapping each other make a perfect screen. During the summer the foliage is a deep green, but in autumn they change to the most beautiful shade of scarlet and crimson. Fine plants 20 cents each.

GERANIUMS.

The Geranium is a native of the cape of Good Hope, and is now grown and admired in every part of the civilized world.

Geraniums thrive in all soils and all situations, which makes them the most popular of all plants for window culture.

SOUV. DE MIRANDE.—A nice grower with brilliant green foliage of fine texture; just the right shade of green to show the flower to the best advantage. The body of each petal is pure satiny white, with a distinct band of brilliant carmine running about each petal and narrowing to the centre. When brought indoors the carmine predominates in each petal leaving small white centres. Everyone exclaims at sight of the bloom; it proves a thorough surprise, being so totally distinct from all other varieties. 15 cents each.

IDELLA.—This beautiful new variety was offered for the first time last year. It is the most striking and by many considered the handsomest of single geraniums. The flowers and trusses are of the largest size and of a charming deep pink with a large white centre. Attracted more attention than any other sort and large prices were offered for plants at our greenhouses the past summer. Nice plants 25c.; five for \$1.00.

PERLE.—The most beautiful pure white variety in the world. Petals thick and of great substance, flowers and trusses of the most beautiful shape, being perfectly round and symmetrical. The color is of the purest white, not being tinted in the least by the hottest sun. Fine plants 20c.

Anna Scott.—Single. Large, perfect trusses of the most dazzling crimson.

Baron Duranteau.—Double. A magnificent dark crimson variety with purplish tinge.

Bruantii.—Color light vermillion, trusses large and carried well off the foliage. Double.

Fire Ball.—Double, and of the most intense fiery red.

Gilded Gold.—Double. Bright orange, nearest approach to yellow. Scarce. 20 cents each.

M. L. Fages.—A fine new sort, one of the best on our list. The flowers are semi-double; trusses are immense, the individual flowers being two and one-half inches across and the trusses six to seven inches in diameter. Color light cardinal with white centre, the upper part of lower petals being pink with rose veinings. Extra fine, 15c. each.

Lady Reed.—As a companion to Souv. de Mirande and the Perle, it is the most beautiful of single Geraniums. The flowers are bluish with a circle of white around the edge, and the truss is larger than any geranium we have ever seen, often seven inches across. The flowers do not fall to pieces soon after opening as is the case with many single geraniums but keeps perfect a long time. It is also one of the most profuse in bloom, often being so full of flowers as to hide the foliage. As a bedding geranium it is simply grand, enduring heat and frost and growing and blooming in almost any situation. It has few equals and one must see it to appreciate its beauty. Price 15c.

Queen of the Fairies.—Double. A bi-color variety. Rich flesh colored mottled with white. Fine.

White Swan.—Double. Color of the purest white. Considered the finest double white Geranium. 15 cents.

Souv. de Mirande.—A nice grower, with brilliant green foliage of fine texture; just the right shade of green to



show the flower to the very best advantage. The body of each petal is pure satiny white, with a distinct sharply defined band of brilliant carmine running about each, and narrowing to the centre. When brought indoors the carmine predominates in each petal, leaving but small, white centers. Everybody exclaims at sight of the bloom. It proves a thorough surprise, being so totally distinct from other varieties. 15 cents each.

Crimson Velvet.—A grand variety of the richest, deepest shade of blood crimson; double. New and fine. 15 cents.

Minister Constans.—Double, clear bright salmon. A novel and beautiful variety.

Sam Sloan.—Single, trusses enormous, often ten inches across and of rich crimson color.

La Favorite.—The finest double white ever produced clear and spotless as the driven snow even in the heat of summer. 15c. each.

Fancy Leaved Geraniums.

Silver Geranium, Mad. Salleroi.—Leaves round and of a beautiful silvery green, edged with pure white. Seldom grows more than six inches in height. One of the finest plants known for edging flower beds. 10c.

Happy Thought.—The improved sort. Centre of leaf white, with green edge. Flowers scarlet crimson. 10c.

Cloth of Gold.—Foliage beautiful canary yellow. 10 cents.

Sunset.—A new and beautiful tri-color. Centre of leaf green surrounded with a zone of chocolate, splashed with red and edged with canary yellow. Rare and fine. 20c. each.

Scented Geraniums.

Rose.—The well known rose geranium. 10c.

Fern Leaf.—Leaves finely divided. Has the strongest and most delightful fragrance of any sort we have ever seen. 10c.

Oak Leaf.—Leaves resemble an oak, being notched and rough, centre of leaf black. Spicy fragrance. 10c.



Bronze Geraniums.

Prince Bismark.—Leaf light yellowish green with rich chocolate zone. Flowers single and salmon in color. 10 cts.

Corinne.—Leaves yellow with narrow zone. Flowers double, large and perfect and of the most dazzling orange scarlet. Extra fine, 15c.

Ivy Geraniums.

SOUV. CHAS. TURNER.—The grandest and handsomest Ivy Geranium ever produced. Florets 2 1/2 inches in diameter, in trusses 6 inches across, and of a most beautiful shade of deep, bright pink, approaching scarlet in color; the upper petals feathered with maroon. Plant a strong, free grower, with bright glistening foliage. Every one who visits our greenhouses exclaims at its great beauty, which must be seen to be appreciated. This sort has been awarded numerous certificates of merit in Europe and America. Nice plants 20c.

Jeanne d' Arc.—Flowers very large and double and of the purest white, fine spreading habit and free flowering. Distinct and fine. 15c.

La Rosiere.—Double. Glistening rose color; a beauty. 10 cents.

Palms.

We have added this season a few of the easiest grown and handsomest of palms.

Lafania Barbonica.—Chinese fan palm. The best variety for general cultivation. A good grower and does well.

Chamaecrops Excelsa.—Another fine palm of rapid easy culture and a striking variety. 35c.

Filifera.—Large elegant dark green leaves, from which hang thread-like filaments. The plant is a rapid compact grower and makes a fine pot plant. 35c.

Kenia Balmereana.—Heavy deep green foliage; one of the strongest growing and most beautiful of palms, 50c.

SOLANUM.

(Jasminoides Grandiflorum.) A beautiful plant of climbing habit, attaining a height of three to five feet, but can be grown in bush form. Its flowers are star-shaped and borne in clusters, large, pure white, with a violet tinge on back of petals and on the buds. In pots it is a continuous bloomer both summer and winter; but its greatest value is for out-door culture, trained against a wall or trellis. 15c.

Blue Solanum.

A beautiful plant of climbing habit, bearing bright, lilac-blue flowers in great pendulous clusters like a Wistaria and in lavish profusion. The blossoms are followed by dark red seed fruits, which remain a long time on the plant, adding greatly to its beauty. It is one of the best summer climbing plants lately introduced, being of robust habit, with gracefully cut foliage and handsome bloom. 15c.

Tested Vegetable Seeds.

It has been our custom in the past as well as that of other seedsmen, to place our specialties separate from the regular list of varieties, but this season we put all varieties of the same thing under one heading, putting the specialties at the top; thus with everything in its proper place, neatly printed and accurately described, we trust that we have spared our readers that conglomeration of big black cuts, (that resemble the original about as much as a turnip does a potato,) and pink paper, filled with a general mixture of seeds, plants and bulbs, so confusing to the would-be purchaser.

All of our seeds are grown in the northern states; some in New York, some in Michigan, some in Nebraska and many in Maine; our aim being to have them grown where the natural conditions are best adapted to the highest development of the various kinds. All seeds left over are destroyed each year, and our seeds are not only the earliest and hardiest but the freshest to be had. Look over our list and give us a trial order; we have not so many varieties as please some, but bear in mind that our list is made up of the cream only.

Asparagus.

This delicious vegetable may be easily grown from seed. Sow in drills one foot apart and when four inches high thin to about nine inches apart. Requires three years to come into full bearing, but is then good for twenty years cutting.

CONOVER'S COLLOSSAL. The finest variety, Packet 5c.

Beet.

Sow in drills about one foot apart and two inches deep, in light well-enriched soil.

EARLY BLOOD TURNIP. The standard variety. Early, of fine quality and rich blood red in color. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 30c., pound \$1.00.

ECLIPSE. A very early blood red beet of excellent quality. Packet 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 10c.

EGYPTIAN. Large size and of a deep crimson in color. Tops small. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

Beans.

IMPROVED GOLDEN WAX. Much better than the old golden wax, pods larger and more abundant. Rich golden yellow color, tender and melting; dwarf or bush. Packet 5c., pint 25c., quart 40c.

MAMMOTH WAX. (Dwarf or bush). Pods frequently reach a foot in length and as thick as a man's finger, of a rich golden color, stringless, tender and delicious. Should be planted twice as far apart as the ordinary sorts, the plant attaining a very large size. Enormously productive. Packet 5c., pint 30c., quart 50c.

HORTICULTURAL. (Dwarf or bush) The dwarf Horticultural is the best variety for shell beans. Packet 5c., pint 30c., quart 40c.

EARLY REFUGEE. (Dwarf or bush). One of the earliest of all varieties and rapidly becoming a favorite sort; pods silvery green in color, free from strings, tender and melting. Packet 5c., pint 25c., quart 40c., postpaid.

EARLY MOHAWK. (Bush). Very early and will stand more cold than most of the bush varieties. This variety is largely grown in the Southern States for Northern markets. The pods are from five to six inches long; the seeds, when ripe, are drab with purple spots. Packet 5c., pint 25c., quart 40c.

EXTRA EARLY RED VALENTINE. One of the best either for market or family use, being very early, productive and of excellent flavor. Dwarf or bush. Packet 5c., pint 30c., quart 40c., postpaid.

EARLY GOLDEN CLUSTER WAX. (Pole or running.) Begins to bear in July and continues until frost. The pods are of a beautiful golden yellow and freely produced. Quality of the best. Fine either string or shelled. Packet 5c., pint 35c., quart 50c.

Sweet Corn.

FIRST OF ALL. Earliest. Pkt. 5c., pt. 20c., qt. 30.

EARLY CROSBY. A great favorite largely used for canning. Very productive and of fine quality. Packet 5c., pint 20c., quart 30c.

PERRY HYBRID. A medium early variety; sweet and tender. Packet 5c., pint 20c., quart 30c.

EARLY MINNESOTA. One of the best of the medium early sorts. Fine for market or family use. Packet 5c., pint 20c., quart 30c.

COUNTRY GENTLEMAN. The tenderest, richest and finest flavored of all sweet corn. Ears of good size and of ten 3 or 4 on a stalk. Unrivalled as a family variety. Season medium to late. Packet 5c., pint 25c., quart 40c.

Brussels Sprouts.

A most delicious vegetable of the cabbage family and as easily grown. Cultivation same as for cabbages. Packet 10c., ounce 25c.

Corn Salad.

One of the most highly prized and delicious of all salads. Sow early in rows one foot apart. Will be ready for the table in from six to eight weeks from sowing. Packet 5c., ounce 10c.

Cauliflower.

Cultivation same as for cabbage.

EARLY PARIS. The standard variety. Packet 10c.

Cabbage.

For early crop sow in April and transplant in early part of May, in this latitude. For late crop

for winter use sow in July. Cabbages like a rich soil and frequent hoeing. To keep off the cabbage worm cover the heads with dry earth. This is a sure remedy, and as the heads grow from the inside no injury can possibly result.

FOTTLER'S IMPROVED BRUNSWICK. The earliest large sort. Packet 5c., ounce 20c.

ALL SEASONS. Good for summer or winter. Packet 5c., ounce 20c.

SUREHEAD. Large. A fine variety. Packet 5c., ounce 25c.

LATE FLAT DUTCH. The best winter variety. Packet 5c., ounce 20c.

EARLY SUMMER. Fine for early market or home use. Pkt. 5c., ounce 25c.

DRUMHEAD SAVOY. Finer flavor than ordinary cabbages. Packet 5c., ounce 25c.

Carrots.

Carrots delight in a rich sandy soil. Sow in rows fifteen inches apart and thin to three or four inches apart in the row.

IMPROVED LONG ORANGE. Grows to a large size, often 12 inches long by 3 inches through. Fine for feeding to cows, increasing the milk and imparting to the butter a richer golden color. Packet 5c., ounce 15c., 1-4 pound 40c., pound \$1.00.

DANVERS. Grows shorter and thicker than the Long Orange. Also produces a great weight to the acre. Flesh solid and of a rich deep orange color. Packet 5c., ounce 15c., 1-4 pound 40c., pound \$1.00.

Celery.

Sow early and transplant to the open ground at the proper season, in rows five feet apart and six inches apart in the row. Begin to hill up the plants in August and continue the process as the plants increase in height.

WHITE PLUME. Said to be self blanching, but is much improved by banking up in the ordinary way. Packet 5c., ounce 30c.

GOLDEN HEART. A dwarf variety, which for crispness and rich flavor has no superior. Packet 5c., ounce 30c.

Cucumbers.

Do not plant until sure of settled warm weather. Plant in hills 4 or 5 feet apart each way; each hill should be prepared by mixing a shovelful of well rotted manure with the soil. As soon as danger from insects is past thin to four plants in the hill. Do not allow any to ripen on the vines as it greatly retards their bearing.

IMPROVED ARLINGTON OR WHITE SPINE. Early and productive. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

BOSTON PICKLING. The finest of all for pickling. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

NEW EVERBEARING. Flowers and bears fruit until killed by frost. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

Corn, Sugar.

Plant after the ground has become warm and settled, in rows 4 feet apart and 18 inches apart in the row.

CORY. One of the earliest varieties and of excellent quality. Packet 5c., pint 20c., quart 30c.; postpaid.

Corn, Pop.

Should be planted somewhat nearer than recommended for sweet corn.

WHITE RICE. A standard variety. Early. Pkt. 5c., pint 2c., quart 40c.

QU EN'S GOLDEN. A fine variety, popping tender and sweet. Pkt 5c., pint 25c., quart 40c.

Cress.

Sow thickly and cover very lightly. A popular salad. Packet 5c., oz. 10c.

Kohl Rabi.

A vegetable between a cabbage and a turnip. Packet 5c., oz. 35c.

Mustard.

WHITE. The best variety for salad. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

Lettuce.

For a succession sow every two weeks from April to August, in rows one foot apart and thin to one foot apart in the row.

HANSON. Makes large handsome heads of fine quality. Pkt 5c., oz. 15c.

BOSTON CURLED. Highly esteemed for earliness. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c.

BLACK SEEDED BUTTER. Makes hard heads with few outer leaves. Tender and fine. Pkt 5c., oz. 15c.

Melon, Water.

Melons thrive best in a rich warm sandy soil. Plant in hills same as recommended for cucumbers, except that the hills should be six feet apart and two shovels full of old manure used in each hill.

VICK'S EARLY. One of the earliest and best for northern latitudes. Pkt 5c., oz. 10c.

PHINNEY'S EARLY. Another fine early sort. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

ICE CREAM. A delicious variety. Early. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

FLORIDA FAVORITE. Attains a large size and is the best variety to grow in the middle and southern States. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

Melon, Musk.

Plant same as recommended for cucumbers.

BANQUET. New and extra fine. In quality it has no equal; dark, rich salmon in color; easier to grow and more prolific than any other variety. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

MONTREAL NUTMEG. Of large size, often weighing 20 lbs., almost round in shape and of delicious quality. Pkt. 5c.; oz. 10c.

MILLER'S CREAM. Of rich, juicy quality. Rich salmon in color. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

Mangel Wurtzel.

THE MAMMOTH PRIZE. Roots of gigantic size, often weighing 10 to 25 lbs. The best and most profitable crops to raise for stock feeding. Pkt. 5c., 1-4 lb. 15c., lb. 50c.

Onion.

The ground for onions should be deeply pulverized and heavily manured, and as soon as the ground can be worked sow thinly in drills one foot apart, cover with fine soil and firm down with a roller or back of the hoe; previous to planting, however, the ground should be rolled or tread firmly. Thin to 3 or 4 inches apart.

YELLOW GLOBE DANVERS. This is the standard market variety. Beautiful yellow color, fine quality and a good keeper. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., 1-4 lb. 60c., lb. \$1.75.

LARGE RED WETHERSFIELD. A favorite sort, large yielder and a good keeper. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., 1-4 lb. 40c., lb. \$1.50.

EXTRA EARLY RED. A fine very early sort. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., 1-4 lb. 40c.

Pumpkin.

NEW CALHOUN. This new variety has given the greatest satisfaction everywhere, being of the finest quality for pies. The outside is of a creamy brown and the inside flesh a deep salmon color. The flesh is wonderfully thick and fine grained and the seed cavity very small. Any one who has grown this variety once will never use any other sort. Pkt. 10c., oz. 25c., 1-4 lb. 50c., lb. \$1.50.

QUAKER PIE. We sold enormous quantities of seed of this pumpkin last season and everybody is loud in its praises. It is pale straw color when ripe and would be taken for a squash by many. It is fine grained and rich flavored, and keeps well into the winter. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c.

Parsnip.

Sow early in drills 15 inches apart and cover one-half inch deep. Thin to 4 or 5 inches apart.

IMPROVED GUERNSEY. The best kind and the standard everywhere. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c.

Pepper.

Sow in hot bed early in April and transplant to the garden the latter part of May, in mellow soil, 18 inches apart.

RED CHILLI. Largely used in sauce and flavoring pickles. Strong. Pkt. 5c., oz. 25c.

RUBY KING. A large handsome variety of mild flavor. Pkt. 5c., oz. 25c.

Peas.

CHAMPION OF ENGLAND. The best and finest in quality of all late peas. Pkt. 5c., pt. 20c., qt. 35c., pk. \$1.25.

AMERICAN WONDER. Very early dwarf and of the finest quality. Wrinkled. Pkt. 5c., pt. 25c., qt. 50c., pk. \$2.00.

ALASKA. The earliest blue pea, and largely planted for market. Pkt. 5c., pint 20c., qt. 35c., pk. \$1.25.

TELEPHONE. A tall wrinkled pea, very productive and of the finest quality. Pods and peas very large. Pkt. 5c., pt. 20c., qt. 35c., pk. \$1.50.

BLISS' ABUNDANCE. A second early variety, wrinkled and of excellent quality; grows three feet high. Pkt. 5c., pt. 20c., qt. 35c., pk. \$1.50.

BLACK EYE MARROWFAT. A well known large handsome variety, and enormously productive. Pkt. 5c., pt. 20c., qt. 35c., pk. \$1.00.

Radish.

For succession sow at intervals, from April to August.

FRENCH BREAKFAST. One of the quickest in growth and mild and tender, bright scarlet. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c.

CELESTIAL. A long sort, of pure white color, fine flavor. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

EARLIEST CARMINE. One of the earliest and finest. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c.

Squash.

Sow in hills as recommended for watermelons.

HUBBARD. The standard winter squash. Has no superior. Pkt. 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c., lb. \$1.00.

AMERICAN TURBAN. A fine fall variety. Packet 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c.

EARLY BUSH CROOKNECK. Considered the best summer squash. Packet 5c., oz. 10c., 1-4 lb. 30c.

FORDHOOK. Flesh of the best quality, dry and sweet; one of the best keepers and an all around first-class variety. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c., 1-4 lb. 40c., lb. \$1.00.

BRAZILIAN SUGAR. Liked by some better than any other variety. Packet 5c., oz. 10c.

Spinach.

Sow at intervals of two or three weeks for summer use, in rich soil.

LONG STANDING. The standard variety. Packet. 5c., oz. 10c.

Sage.

Large leaved variety. Packet 5c., oz. 25c.

Tomato.

Sow early in hot bed and transplant at the proper season.

FAVORITE. Large, smooth and red. Packet 5c.

CARDINAL. One of the best. Packet 5c.

GOLDEN QUEEN. Mammoth yellow. Packet 5c.

MATCHLESS. One of the finest of tomatoes. Early, productive, of large size and a good keeper. Try it. Packet 10c.

BOND'S EARLY MINNESOTA. Without doubt the earliest variety in cultivation. It originated in Minnesota, but has been tested in all parts of the country with astonishing results. They are a round, smooth variety of dark purplish color. They ripen evenly and never crack. Thos. H. Brinton, the best authority on tomatoes in this country and who raises over 100 varieties, says: Bond's Early Minnesota is the best early tomato I ever tried. Price per packet 10c.

Turnip.

Sow same as recommended for carrots.

WHITE EGG. Of globular shape, pure white and fine quality for table use. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

EARLY FLAT DUTCH. An early well known garden variety. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 25c.

AMBER GLOBE. A beautiful round yellow fleshed sort for table use. Packet 5c., ounce 10c.

RUTA BAGA, CARTER'S IMPERIAL. The finest ruta бага on the market; is of a rich yellow color. Grows to a large size, and has no equal for table use or for stock feeding. Packet 5c., ounce 10c., 1-4 pound 20c., pound 60c.

Miscellaneous.

SWEET HERBS. Anise, Sweet Basil, Horehound, Lavender, Sweet Majoram, Summer Savory, Thyme, etc. Pkt 5c.

OAT, GOLDEN GIANT. The greatest yielder in the world. Almost 15 bushels have been grown from two ounces of seed by W. O. Lignon, of Gloster, Miss. They grow four to five feet high with long heads. Price per 2 oz. 5c., packet 10c., pound 30c., bushel \$2.00.

THE GREENVALE FAMOUS LAWN GRASS. This is the finest lawn grass mixture in the world, and the kind mostly in use on the finest parks everywhere. It is quick growing, and produces a heavy velvety, plush-like sward. Per quart 35c., peck \$1.50.

Richardson's Choice Flower Seeds,

ASTER.

The Aster is one of the most popular of annuals. To secure early flowers plant in boxes of light soil in the house and transplant to the open ground at the proper season.

QUEEN OF THE EARLIEST. Blooms three weeks earlier than any other variety. The plants are of dwarf growth, branching freely and producing in endless quantities large very double snow-white flowers. Valuable for cemetery planting and as a cut flower for bouquets, it is unequalled and indispensable. Pkt. 10c.

Paeony Flowered. Large double flowers. Mixed, Pkt. 10c.
Comet. Long twisted petals, forming a perfect ball, resembling a Japanese chrysanthemum. Mixed, pkt. 10c.

Dwarf Bouquet. Grows only about 6 inches high and is a living bouquet of flowers. Mixed, pkt. 10c.

Victoria. Large beautiful imbricated blooms of magnificent colors. A most beautiful variety. Mixed, pkt. 10c.

White Queen. Beautiful pure white. one of the finest of all asters. Pkt. 10c.

Common, Mixed, double, All colors. Pkt. 5c.

Antirrhinum.

(Snap Dragon) Spikes of gay colored flowers. They usually survive the winter and bloom the second summer. Pkt. 5c.

Alyssum.

Fragrant white flowers. Fine for bouquets. Pkt. 5c.

Amaranthus.

Beautiful ornamental annuals, making a fine display all through the season. Pkt. 5c.

Ageratum.

Extremely floriferous plants, being covered with flowers the entire season. They also make fine house plants. Pkt. 5c.

Balsam.

One of the most beautiful and popular of our garden favorites. Flowers as double as a rose and of many colors. Camillia flowered, pkt. 10c. Common mixed, pkt. 5c. Dwarf mixed, pkt. 5c.

Bartonia.

Most beautiful large yellow flowers. pkt 5c.

Begonia.

Tuberous Rooted; finest German strain; grand blooms 3 inches across, and of many colors. Single, pkt. 15c. Double, pkt. 25c.

Calliopsis.

Showy annuals with large bright flowers borne in great profusion all summer long. Succeeds everywhere. Elegant for garden decoration and fine for cutting. pk. 5c

Golden Wave. Hundreds of beautiful golden blossoms with dark centres. pkt. 5c.

Coreopsis.

One of the most showy of hardy perennials; forming plants 2 to 3 feet high and bearing in profusion large flowers of bright golden yellow. Pkt. 10c.

Calendula.

The pot marigold, remarkably profuse blooming bushy annuals, blooming till frost; fine for garden or pot culture. Mixed colors, pkt. 5c.

Canterbury Bells.

Hardy biennial, bearing large bell shaped flowers. Double mixed, pkt. 5c. Single mixed, pkt. 5c.

Canary Bird Flower.

A rapid growing climbing vine, beautiful for trellis work, growing 10 to 15 feet high. Produces large quantities of pretty fringed bright yellow flowers, which resemble a canary bird with expanded wings. pkt. 5c.

Candytuft.

Dwarf annuals blooming profusely the whole season. It is always a great favorite, the plants being covered with flowers the entire season, and are of the easiest culture. Mixed packet, 5c.

Cosmos.

The plants are literally covered in the fall, with large single flowers of many shades. Grows 4 to 6 feet high. Mixed pkt. 10c.

Coleus.

Beautiful foliage plants for bedding.

Sunset. Leaves of enormous size, gorgeously colored and marked in endless variety. This seed will produce scarcely two alike. Pkt. 25c. Common mixed, 15c.

Canna.

Tropical looking plants growing about 4 feet high. flowers of brilliant shades of red and yellow. They are easily grown from seed and the roots may be kept in the cellar like dahlias and planted each spring. Soak the seed in warm water 24 hours before planting.

New Bronze Leaved. Foliage of a rich bronze purple, surmounted by large spikes of flowers ranging through many shades of yellow and red, spotted, etc. Pkt. 15c. Common mixed, pkt. 5c.

Cockscomb.

Fine for pots as well as for bedding. Large crimson and yellow comb-like heads. Pkt. 5c.

Convolvulus.

The well-known morning glory. Unequalled as a rapid growing climber. Pkt. mixed colors, 5c. oz. 15c.

Chrysanthemum.

Summer flowering plants producing large single flowers of many colors. Mixed pkt. 5c. Double Japanese flowered, pkt. 20c.

Carnation.

The well known florists pink.

Marguerite. A superb new strain coming into bloom in 4 months from sowing the seed. the flowers are magnificent, very large and coming in rich solid colors of deep crimson to the loveliest shades of pink and pure white; also white splashed with crimson, scarlet and pink. They are free bloomers and have a rich clove fragrance. Mixed colors, pkt 10c. Pure white, pkt. 10c.

Florist's carnation, mixed pkt. 15c.

Dahlia.

Too well known to need description. Double and single, mixed pkt. 10c.

Datura.

Large bell shaped, sweet scented blossoms. Pkt. 5c.

Dianthus.

Always a general favorite. The Dianthus Pink blooms the entire summer and autumn and is of many colors from pure white to dark crimson. Many are hardy and bloom the second season. They also make fine pot plants.

SNOW QUEEN. One of the most beautiful of all dianthus pinks; flowers of snowy whiteness, perfectly double and produced in great quantities; blooms all summer in the garden and if taken up and potted in the fall will continue blooming in the house. pkt. 10c.

Chinensis. Double Chinese Pinks. Mixed colors, pkt. 5c.

Heddewiggii. Very large single flowers. Pkt. 5c.

Mourning Cloak. Dark velvety crimson. Double. Pkt. 5c.

Eastern Queen. Grand flowers 2 to 4 inches across, magnificently striped and stained. Single. Pkt. 5c.

Daisy.

NEW SNOWBALL. Flowers as large as a silver half dollar and a perfect ball snowy white. Pkt. 15c.

Fine mixed varieties, pkt. 5c.

Euphorbia Hetero.

The Mexican Fire Plant. Grows two to three feet high. The leaves are at first green, but about midsummer the beautiful orange scarlet bracts appear and the surrounding leaves are blotched with vivid carmine. A very striking and beautiful plant. Pkt 10c.

Everlastings.

All varieties mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Forget-Me-Not.

Thrives in almost any situation, but prefers a damp shady place. Flowers blue, hardy. Pkt. 5c.

Four-O'clock.

(Marvel of Peru.) Easy to grow as a weed, but is one of the most showy of annuals. Planted in masses, their rich glossy leaves and profusion of bloom present a most gorgeous sight. packet 5c.

Gourds.

Ornamental varieties, mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Godetia.

Very handsome annual, growing about one foot high, bearing freely large flowers 3 to 4 inches across, of exquisite colors and shades, glistening in the sun like satin. Mixed colors, pkt. 5c.

Grasses.

Ornamental varieties, mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Gaillardia.

Greatly admired for their fine forms and rich blending of colors. In profusion of bloom they are indeed wonderful. Pkt. 5c.

Heliotrope.

Everyone is acquainted with this favorite fragrant flower; easily grown from seed.

MAMMOTH FRENCH. Trusses of enormous size often a foot across and delightfully fragrant; the leaves are often 6 inches long by 4 wide. Mixed all shades from pure white to deep violet. Pkt. 25c.

Common mixed, pkt. 10c.

Helianthus.

(Sunflower.)

THE DAHLIA. Flowers double, bright yellow; a perfect golden ball. A most beautiful flower. pkt. 5c.

Mammoth Russian. The largest variety; grown largely for feeding poultry. Pkt. 5c. oz. 10c.

Larkspur.

Well known annuals of great beauty and noted for their rich colors. Mixed pkt. 5c.

Lobelia.

Forms dense masses of blue and white flowers, fine for bedding or for hanging baskets. Pkt. 5c.

Lupinus.

The deep blue Texas Lupin. Neat foliage, carpeting the ground, on which are borne on stems 6 inches long lovely flowers of a deep sea blue, and delightfully fragrant. Pkt. 5c.

Marigold.

ELDORADO. Many plants of this variety bear 75 to 100 flowers each, round and double as a dahlia and of mammoth size, 3 to 4 inches across, of several shades of yellow and orange. Pkt. 5c.

African Double. Mixed colors, pkt. 5c.

French " " " " 5c.

Mignonette.

A universal favorite on account of its delightfully fragrant flowers. Sow the seed liberally in a sunny place.

GOLDEN QUEEN. Large spikes of a beautiful golden yellow color and charming fragrance. Pkt. 5c.

Giant. Red or white, pkt. 5c.

All varieties mixed, pkt. 5c.

Molucca Balm.

From Syria. The stems are completely surrounded with blooms and when cut or broken emits a strong fragrance of balm. Pkt. 10c.

Mimulus.

Singularly shaped and brilliantly colored blossoms, blotched and spotted in every conceivable manner. They require partial shade. Pkt. 5c.

Moonflower.

NEW STRIPED LEAVED. A rapid growing vine with large trumpet shaped flowers and beautiful variegated foliage.

Bonna Nox. (Evening Glory.)—Large, fragrant violet colored flowers. Pkt. 5c.

Mixed varieties, pkt. 5c.

Nasturtium.

Well known beautiful luxuriant annual climbers, bearing gorgeous blossoms in great profusion.

The Pearl. New pure white. Odd and beautiful, Pkt. 10c.

Dwarf mixed, pkt. 5c. **Tall or climbing mixed** pkt. 5c. Oz. either of above, 20c.

Pansy.

The Pansy is a popular flower with both florists and amateurs, giving abundance of bloom until after severe frosts, enduring our hard winters with safety and greeting us in early spring with a profusion of bright blossoms. They will bloom better in mid-summer if planted in a somewhat shady situation and especially if furnished with a good supply of water, but in almost any situation will give fine blooms in spring and autumn. Seed may be sown in the spring or fall; if in spring, sow as early as possible that the young plants may get a good start before the weather becomes too hot. Sown in a cool place in June or July and kept well watered until up fine autumn blooming plants may be had. To have fine flowers the soil should be rich and the plants kept growing rapidly. Young plants give the largest blooms. If the plants come into bloom in the heat of summer, the flowers will be small at first, but as the weather becomes cooler will increase in size and beauty.

RICHARDSON'S ROYAL PRIZE. Flowers often 3 inches across, and of heavy velvety texture. Good judges have repeatedly written us that they have grown flowers from this seed ahead of any seen at World's Fair at Chicago.

Per pkt. of 100 seeds, 15c.

Trilmandeau. The largest flowered of pansies, but the petals are not so thick and lasting as our Royal Prize.

Mixed pkt. 10c.

Imperial German. Flowers of large size, heavy velvety petals and rich colors. Pkt. 10c.

Peacock. A beautiful new pansy. The side petals are of rich maroon, upper and lower petals of royal purple shot with peacock blue and margined with terra cotta rose. Pkt. 10c.

Red Riding Hood. Beautiful dark red. Pkt. 10c.

Silver Prince. Flowers pure snow white. Pkt. 5c.

All colors mixed, pkt. 5c.

Petunia.

American Giant. Flowers of gigantic size, 4 to 5 inches across, stained, blotched and striped in endless variety. Pkt. 10c.

Single mixed, pkt. 5c. Double mixed, pkt. 25c.

Poppy.

Crimson King. Brilliant dark crimson flowers, double and glistening like satin. Pkt. 5c.

Snowdrift. Flowers large pure white and very double. Fine for bouquets. Pkt. 5c.

Carnation Flowered. Small double flowers of many colors. Pkt. 5c.

Peony Flowered. Flowers large and double. Mixed pkt. 5c.

Golden Gate. Flowers single. Their great variety of colors and markings which seem endless, make this one of the most popular of varieties. Pkt. 10c.

Shirley. Single and of light colors, many of the petals being broadly margined. The flowers are very large and showy, and among the most beautiful of poppies, being equalled in brilliancy only by the tulip. Pkt. 5c.

Phlox Drummondii.

For beds and massing nothing can surpass these beautiful annuals. They produce immense trusses of large brilliant flowers of numberless hues throughout the summer.

NEW DOUBLE. About 60 per cent of the flowers from seed are double; a fine novelty. Pkt. 10c.

German Star. Flowers beautifully starred and fringed. Pkt. 10c.

Good quality mixed, pkt. 5c. Perennial mixed, 10c.

Portulacca.

Low spreading plants with masses of brilliant flowers of various shades of red, yellow, pink, white and striped etc. Single, pkt. 5c. Double, pkt. 15c.

Primrose.

(Chinese.) One of the best plants for house culture, succeeding well in a cool, partly shaded window. Pkt. mixed, 20c.

Ricinus.

(Castor Oil Bean.) Magnificent tropical foliage plants, producing a fine effect on the lawn or for the centre of flower beds. Pkt. 5c.

Sweet William.

Hardy plants about one foot high, of extreme richness and variety of color. Very sweet scented. They make fine clumps and bloom for many years.

Double mixed, pkt. 5c. Single mixed, pkt. 5c.

Stock, (Ten Weeks.)

This universal favorite is too well known to need extended description. The Ten weeks Stock has been much improved in the last few years, the flowers being of large size and extra double.

Large flowering, mixed, pkt. 10c.

" " pure white pkt. 10c.

Many colors, mixed, pkt. 5c.

Scabiosa.

(Mourning Bride.) A choice old garden favorite, but much improved of recent years. They are of many charming colors; free in bloom, and fine for bouquets. Pkt. 5c.

Smilax.

Beautiful window or greenhouse climber, largely used for decorating. Pkt. 10c.

Scarlet Runner.

Fine for covering unsightly objects during summer, being a vine of rapid growth and rich scarlet flowers. Pkt. 5c.

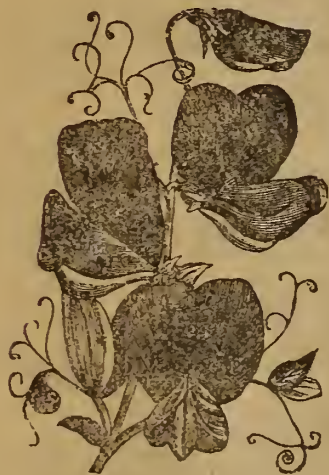
Sweet Peas.

Sweet peas have for many years been one of our specialties. Last season we sold at retail over 16 000 ounce packages, or more than half a ton.

We offer a carefully selected list of the finest varieties now on the market, this season.

We would advise all to try the new varieties, Cupid and Improved Blanche Ferry, they are the greatest novelties now on the American market, and are sure to delight all of our customers.

CUPID. The only dwarf sweet pea ever known. The foliage is dark green; blossoms pure waxy white, of unequalled substance and fully as large as Emily Henderson.



son The plant never grows over five inches high, and never more than twelve to fifteen inches in diameter. The stems are about four inches long, bearing two to three blossoms, all very near the end of the stem. It is a wonderfully free bloomer. As a border to a row of the taller varieties it presents at once a most beautiful combination, and it will at once commend itself to many owing to the fact that it can be grown in a bed massed together, requiring no supports and presents a carpet of beauty and fragrance. Pkt. 15c.

Improved Blanche Ferry. The first to come into bloom of all sweet peas; was loaded with flowers for the past two seasons before scarcely a bud appeared on other varieties; it is of dwarf bushy habit and will do well without any support. In color it is the most delicate and exquisite of all sweet peas, the wings being almost pure white and the standards a deep rose pink. This variety not only blooms earlier but holds out longer than any other variety. In profusion bloom it is a wonder. Pkt. 10c.

Screattin. Rich crimson and maroon, Pkt. 10c., oz. 25c.

The Senator. Striped brown and purple on creamy ground. Wings dark purple striped white. A unique and fine variety. Pkt. 10c., oz. 25c.

Queen of England. Eckford's new pure white, The finest of all white sweet peas. Pkt. 10c., oz. 25c.

Eckford's Finest. All varieties of these new giant sweet peas, mixed the finest mixture now on the market. Pkt. 5c., oz. 15c.

New mixed, pkt. 5c., oz. 15c. Good mixed, pkt. 5c., oz. 10c.

Verbena.

For garden beds the Verbena has no rival. Blooms continually from spring to autumn. Our Verbenas are unsurpassed in size and brilliancy of colors.

MAMMOTH. The largest flowered of all. Pkt., mixed, 10c.

SCARLET DEFIANCE. Large brilliant scarlet. Pkt. 10c.

Pure White. Pkt. 10c.

Good Mixed. Pkt. 5c.

Violet.

Pure white. Packet 10c

Cyprus Vine.

Delicate fern-like foliage; star shaped flowers. An elegant and beautiful vine. Pkt. 5c.

Cobea Scandens.

A rapid and beautiful climber, having dense green foliage and large purple bell-shaped flowers. Pkt. 10c.

Zinnia.

One of the easiest grown and finest of all annuals. No plant blooms more continuously. The varieties we offer are far ahead of the old fashioned sort, having been of late much improved.

MAMMOTH. Flowers 4 to 5 inches across, of fine form, perfectly double. foliage heavy and luxuriant and is not affected by dry or wet weather. The flowers keep perfect a long time. Pkt. 10c.

ZEBRA. Striped, odd and beautiful. Pkt. 10c.

Best double mixed, all colors, pkt. 5c.

Our Beautiful Flower Seed Collections.

We have for several years made a specialty of collection packets of the most popular annuals. These collections are composed of a quantity of seeds of each of all the most beautiful varieties of the different annuals listed below. These pkts. contain several times the amount of seed that is put into ordinary packets, and if bought separately would cost five times as much as we ask for them.

Collection of Asters.....	Packet, \$0.25
" " Pinks.....	" .15
" " Pansies.....	" .25
" " Poppies.....	" .15

" " Sweet Peas.....	" .25
" " Verbena.....	" .25
" " Stock.....	" .15
" " Nasturtium.....	" .15

Miscellaneous Flowering Plants and Vines.

Ageratum.- A pretty rapid growing plant, either for pot culture or bedding. Blue or white, 10c. each.

SMILAX.- A beautiful delicate climbing plant, used largely in floral work. 10 cents each.

GLOXINIA.- Mixed colors; finest imported German strain. Flowering bulbs 30 cents each.

JASSEMINE.- A graceful vine, justly celebrated for its pure white star shaped fragrant flowers. 15 cents each.

CIGAR PLANT.- Flowers red, tipped with white, resembling lighted cigars. 10 cents each.

TRADESCANTIA.- (wandering Jew)-A well known trailing plant, sure to thrive under the most adverse circumstances. Either green or silver, green and purple. 10c.

FEVERFEW.- To well known to need comment. Flowers about the size of a silver quarter, pure white, double and produced in endless quantity. 10 cents each.

HEATH.- (Sage Fern)-Foliage finely cut and very fragrant, a fine basket plant. 10 cents each.

MADERIA VINE.- One of the most rapid growing and desirable of window vines. grows from a bulb. 5 cents.

WAX PLANT.- Has thick fleshy leaves, growing moderately fast and bearing umbels of beautiful flesh colored flowers, from which are exuded large drops of honey-like liquid. One of the best plants for house culture, as it stands the extremes of heat and cold better than most plants, and is not easily injured by neglect. It can be trained to climb on trellis to almost any height and when in bloom which continues for upwards five months is a most interesting plant. 10 cents each.

CALLA.- (Lily of the Nile)-Should be in every collection. It grows freely and requires an abundance of water, and produces its large pure white blossoms during the winter and spring. The resting period June and July may be given by turning the pots on their sides in a shady place and stop watering them. Price from 10 to 30 cents according to size.

COBEA SCANDENS.- Handsome, free flowering, climbing

plants, growing rapidly, with large, bell-shaped flowers. They are among our best summer climbers, and are excellent for growing in the greenhouse or conservatory. 15 cents each.

SALVIA SPLENDENS.- One of the finest of fall blooming plants, being completely covered in autumn with long spikes of dazzling scarlet flowers, remaining in bloom until cut down by frost. 10 cents each; 75 cents per doz.

PINK FAIRY LILY.- Belongs to the amarillis family. Has very pretty bright pink, trumpet shaped flowers. 25c.

AMARILLIS, Johnsonii.- A summer blooming bulb. Flowers of the most dazzling bright scarlet. 20 cents each.

CHINESE HIBISCUS.- An exceedingly showy hard wooded shrub, to grow like an Oleander. Flowers of immense size, double, and crimson in color. 25 cents each.

MANETTIA VINE.- One of the finest of window climbing plants, being never without flowers the whole year. The plant is a very rapid grower, soon making a solid wreath around the window, of glistening green covered with masses of rich scarlet flowers tipped with yellow. 10 cents each.

BASKET PLANTS.

Strawberry Geranium.- Runs like a strawberry; an old fashioned plant, and a most desirable one; it is really a species of begonia, and one of the finest plants for hanging baskets. 10 cents each.

Vinca Variegata.- A most beautiful variegated vine, leaves banded with pure white, rapid in growth. 10 cents each

Maurandia.- One of the most rapid of all climbers, foliage dense and green, and completely covered with masses of pink and purple flowers. 10 cents each.

Coronilla Glaucia.- Fine delicate foliage, sprays of yellow pea shaped blossoms; a fine winter bloomer. 10 cents.

Plants For the Vegetable Garden.

We are headquarters for all kinds of vegetable and bedding plants, celery a specialty. We shall have at the proper time for planting out 50,000 fine stock plants, transplanted and cut back. These are as good plants as can be procured in this country. All of the following plants are packed in light baskets and shipped to any part of the country and guaranteed to arrive as fresh as when taken from the greenhouse.

CELERY.

White Plum, Boston Market, Golden Self-Blanching, etc., 60c. per hundred.

CAULIFLOWER.

Snowball and Early Paris, 20c. per doz., \$2.00 per 100.

CABBAGE.

Surehead, All Seasons, Fottler's Brunswick, Early Summer, Red Dutch, Drumhead Savoy and Late Flat Dutch, 15c. per doz., 75c. per hundred.

LETTUCE.

Best varieties, 50c. per hundred.

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Ruby King and Red Chili 40c per dozen.

TOMATO.

Dwarf Champion, Perfection Early Minnesota, Golden Queen, Yellow Pear, etc., 40c. per doz. \$2.50 per hundred.

Burlingame, Kan., June 24, 1896

DEAR SIRs,—I received the surprize box of plants and can say that I was more than pleased with them; they were in such nice condition, and so many of them. I thank you very much. I shall get my plants and seeds of you in the future, as they are so much better than any I have ever had.

FLORENCE SLATTEN

RICHARDSON BROTHERS' BEAUTIFUL ROSES

AND OTHER BEAUTIFUL PLANTS NOT FOUND IN CATALOGUE

Hardy Roses.

Mad. Plantier.—The hardy cemetery rose thrives in any situation and requires no protection in any climate. Color pure snow white. A grand and popular variety. Should be in every garden.

Paul Neyron.—We recommend this grand Rose and a special attention to it. The flowers are immense. It is probably the largest Rose grown and one of the finest; bright, shining pink, very clear and beautiful, very double and full, finely scented; blooms the first season and all summer. No collection is complete without this magnificent variety.

Louis Van Houtte.—Brilliant crimson. Large, full and fragrant.

Marie Rady.—Clear bright red, finely pencilled with rich crimson; flowers large, full and fragrant. A beautiful sort.

Persian Yellow.—The old fashioned hardy yellow Rose, perfectly double and rich in color with a delightful fragrance. 25c.

We have selected these as the finest of the hardy Hybrid Perpetuals. 20c each except where noted.

Hardy Moss Roses.

25 cents each.

Elizabeth Rowe.—Extra large flowers, very double and well filled out; bright satiny pink, elegantly shaded; very fragrant and finely mossed.

Glory of Mosses.—A magnificent Moss Rose, extra large and perfectly double; color deep rosy carmine, shaded purplish crimson; very mossy and fragrant; one of the finest.

Comtesse de Murinais.—One of the best and most satisfactory pure white Moss Roses; the buds are elegantly mossed; flowers large, full and fragrant; a valuable and very beautiful variety. 30 cents each.

Hardy Climbing Roses.

20 cents each.

Baltimore Belle.—Pale blush, variegated, carmine, rose and white; very double; flowers in beautiful clusters, the whole plant appearing a perfect mass of bloom; one of the very best climbing roses.

Gem of Prairie.—Bright violet crimson; large double and fragrant. This is the TRUE variety; very rare and desirable.

Greville or Seven Sisters.—Flowers in large clusters; varies in color from white to crimson.

Prarie Queen.—Clear, bright pink, sometimes with a white stripe; large, compact and globular, very double and full; blooms in clusters; one of the finest.

Mary Washington.—The celebrated hardy, pure white, climbing Rose, blooms in clusters.

N. B. Hardy Roses will be sent out at proper time for planting in the open ground, from April 15 to May 1st, and all orders for hardy Roses should be sent in before that time. This is important.

Ever-Blooming or Monthly Roses.

Marie Van Houtte.—We place this at the head of our list as the most desirable Tea Rose of which we are acquainted. The Richmond only excepted. It is a strong rank grower with an abundance of large beautifully notched leaves, which are easily distinguished from any other variety. The flowers are of extra large size and of a delicate cream color. From the time the buds commence to open until the flower is fully expanded, words cannot describe its beauty. It has a delightful tea fragrance and is a most profuse and constant bloomer. 15 cents.

The Bride.—The buds are very large and of exquisite form, and the full flower is very double, measuring from 3 to 4 inches in diameter. The color is a delicate creamy white. The blooms will last in a fresh state, after being cut, longer than any other white variety. 15c.

Pele des Jardins.—Without doubt the finest yellow Rose in cultivation. Canary or golden yellow; flowers large and beautifully formed; handsome in every stage of development from the smallest to the open bud. No Rose of its color ever cultivated for cut flowers up to the present time is now so valuable as this. 15c.

Catherine Meimet.—Silvery pink, large and full with a delicate tea fragrance, free grower and bloomer. Price 15c.

Bridesmaid.—New, large double, a free bloomer and of a rich deep pink in color. 15c.

Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.—New, pure white, delightfully fragrant. One of the easiest roses to grow. 15c.

La Franco.—Hybrid tea, flowers of the largest size and with the fragrance of the old fashioned garden rose. Color silvery pink. 15c.

Cloilde Supard.—French white, deepening to rosy blush in the centre. Its greatest value lies in its compact, vigorous habit, and wonderful profusion of bloom; even the smallest plants being literally covered with flowers. The form and substance of the flowers are so perfect that the hottest weather does not cause a deterioration of either, so that even in midsummer a bouquet of splendid buds and open flowers can be obtained from this fine variety. 15c.

OTAHEITE DWARF ORANGE

This is not a new plant, but one that deserves to be more generally known and cultivated than it is. It has the same deep green, fragrant foliage as the Sweet Orange, but is of decidedly dwarf, bushy growth. Plants only one year old, and not over ten or fifteen inches high, produce their delicious blossoms, which are succeeded by fruit. Price, 20c. each.

MAHERNIA ODORATA

A pretty plant of spreading habit. Blooms early in the spring; flowers yellow, bell-shaped and very fragrant. Price 10c.

RUSSELLIA JUNCCEA

One of the finest baskets or vase plants known. In growth it produces long, wiry stems which are virtually leafless. Upon these stems and branches the flowers are borne. They are about the size of a Mabettia, long, trumpet-shaped and brilliant scarlet in color. These lovely blossoms are borne in wonderful profusion during most of the year. 10c.

NEW HYDRANCEA

Olaska Monstrosa.—One of the most valuable new plants that has been introduced in years, and cannot fail to become very popular as a decorative plant. The trusses of flowers are of enormous size, even on quite small plants. Color, intense deep rose. Plant a strong tree-grower and remarkably free in bloom. A valuable addition to our list of plants for Easter decoration. Also makes elegant specimen plants for the porch or lawn, being a mass of bloom the whole season. Price, 25c.

GREVILLEA ROBUSTA.

(Australian Silk Oak.)

A magnificent plant for decorative purposes, of rapid easy growth, finely cut foliage, rivaling a true fern. The young growing leaves are a light bronze color, the tips being covered with soft down, closely resembling raw silk, hence the name "Silk Oak." In its native place it attains magnificent proportions and produces an abundance of bright, orange-colored flowers. The leaves are fine for designs, so fern-like and not liable to wilt. Price, nice plants, 20 cents each.

Heliotropes.

NEW MAMMOTH FRENCH.—The greatest of all floral novelties yet seen. These new Heliotropes were imported by us. They originated in the gardens of Victor Lemoine, of Nancy, France, of whom we received our stock. It seems almost impossible for those who behold these giants in bloom to believe their eyes. The trusses average over a foot across, with the characteristic delicious perfume of the ordinary Heliotrope and tinged with the deepest and richest violet shade. The foliage is also of gigantic size, the leaves often measuring six inches long by four wide. A bed of these giants or even a single plant in bloom is a sight that will not soon be forgotten. The royal blooms almost hiding the plant from view and filling every breeze with their delightful fragrance. We have thousands of plants that are almost ready to bloom, that will delight all at the low price of 25 cents each.

Albert Deleaux.—A very rank grower, foliage variegated green and yellow. Trusses large and rich lavender in color. Very free flowering. One of the best. 10 cents each.

Sapphire.—Light lavender. Producing immense quantities of bloom. The finest of its color. 10c.

Snow Wreath.—Trusses of largest size and purest snow white. Fragrance unsurpassed. 10c.

Double Petunias.

PINK BEAUTY.—The most charming variety ever seen. Flowers of medium size and of the brightest shell pink in color; as double as a rose, deeply fringed and deliciously scented. A very rapid grower and so prolific in bloom as to be covered with flowers the entire season. Superior to Pink Pet, and unlike it in every way. Price 20c.

PINK PET.—The Pink Pet is a perfect Carnation flower Petunia, the flowers being about two inches in diameter, perfectly double to the centre, and of the most lovely shade of silvery pink imaginable. The plant is of dwarf habit and is a living bouquet of these deliciously fragrant flowers the whole season. This beautiful little gem has been the admiration of every visitor at our greenhouses this season. It is entirely different from any other Petunia grown. Strong plants in bud or bloom 20 cents each.

Mollie Pilcher.—Purple and white. 10c.

Snowdrift.—Large, double, pure white, and sweet scented. 10c.

Lantanas.

Innocence.—Pure white flowers, wonderfully free, of strong growth, best white. 10c.

Jacques Minot.—It is impossible to imagine a more showy or gorgeous plant than a Jacques Minot Lantana in full bloom; its flowers are bright yellow when first opened and brilliant orange when fully matured, finally passing to a dark rich red as they near the falling point. Three different colors appear on the plant at the same time. It is an ever-bloomer and may be grown in the garden or on the lawn in summer and then taken up in the fall, when it will bloom all winter in the window garden. Fine plants 15c.

Perfection.—New, bright pink. 10c. each.

Strobilanthes Dyerianus.

A beautiful new foliage plant that is bound to become very popular on account of its brilliant and exquisite coloring, surpassing even the Coleus or Begonia in this respect. It forms a compact bush eighteen inches high, with leaves six to nine inches long and three to four inches wide; of the most intense metallic color, shading into light rose, with a light green margin. Its lovely violet blue flowers are borne in long racemes in the greatest profusion in midwinter. It is easily grown and is an excellent bedding plant as well as one of the finest decorative plants for pot culture. 25c. 2 for 40c.

